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Dear Messrs. Stanley and Findley:

HANFORD WASTE VITRIFICATION PLANT PART B PERMIT APPLICATION (TSD: TS-2-5)

This letter transmits the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant (HWVP) Part 8 Permit Application in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, and the State of Washington Dangerous Waste Regulations.

This document is based primarily on information contained in the <u>HWVP</u> Reference Conceptual Design Report, WHC-EP-0044. The permit application will be modified, as appropriate, to include more specific information generated during subsequent preliminary and detailed design phases.

The environmental impacts of the HWVP were addressed in the <u>Final</u>
<u>Environmental Impact Statement, Disposal of Hanford Defense High-Level,</u>
<u>Transuranic and Tank Wastes</u> (HDW-EIS), DOE/EIS-0113. Therefore, our interpretation is that the State Environmental Policy Act requirements have been satisfied. A "roadmap" to the HWVP coverage in the HDW-EIS is enclosed.

As part of the permit application submittal process, Section 3004(u) of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments requires identification of hazardous waste management units. This information was previously provided in the <u>Hanford Site Waste Management Units Report</u> submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in May 1987.



If you have any questions regarding this permit application, please contact Mr. D. L. Duncan of the U.S. Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office on (509) 376-9333 or Ms. C. J. Geier of Westinghouse Hanford Company on (509) 376-2237.

Sincerely,

R. D. Izatt, Director Environmental Restoration Division Richland Operations Office

R. E. Lerch, Manager Environmental Division Westinghouse Hanford Company

Enclosures:

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- 1) HWVP Part B Permit Application
- 2) NEPA Documentation for HWVP
- cc: P. J. Day, EPA, w/encl. R. E. Lerch, WHC, w/encl.